GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:341
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DEMOLITION DRIVE IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious protests have been made by the Public and their representatives against the demolition drive in Delhi;

(b) if so, the specific issues of complaints in this regard and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have cancelled some DDA flats/plots found violating the building laws;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are considering the revocation of cancellation in case the allottees of DDA flats/plots remove the unauthorised constructions;

(f) if so, the details thereof;
(g) whether the Union Government feel that this menace has spread all over the country and needs to be tackled with a firm hand;
(h) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued to State Governments in this regard;
(i) if so, the details thereof;
(j) whether such drives have been launched by the other State Governments in their respective States; and
(k) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b): Some representations have been received on action taken by the local bodies/DDA regarding removal of unauthorised constructions/encroachments as per their Acts/Rules. However, some people have also represented against these unauthorised constructions/encroachments and asked for their removal. To sort out this issue, a meeting with some of the Residents Welfare Associations was held on 25.6.2000 in which they were asked to give their specific proposals by 31.7.2000. Till then, action on demolition of unauthorised constructions in DDA flats except fresh ones, has been suspended. The views of complainants,architects, aggrieved parties, professionals, etc. would be considered by the Government for further action.

(c)to(f): Yes, Sir. DDA has cancellled the allotment of 45 flats and 72 plots. However, 12 plots have been restored after the plot holders removed the unauthorised constructions.

(g)to(k): In a meeting held on 26-27 June, 2000 with State Urban and Housing Ministers, the problem of increasing encroachments/on public land was considered and it was impressed upon all that State Governments/Local Bodies should takefirm action against the increasing encroachments and activities of land/building `mafia`.